

PAST YEAR A BUSY ONE IN SPORTS

America Won Four Out of Six of the International Contests.

CANADIAN YACHT SCORED

Hilton Secured Golf Title and Took Trophy to England — Some Records.

The sporting season of 1911 was the most interesting and most active ever known. Americans are rapidly becoming a nation of sportsmen and can now more than hold their own in every department. There were several international contests and in these the American representatives have been successful in all but two. They were defeated in the Amateur Golf championship by H. H. Hilton from England and lost a yacht race to the Canadians. The American team won polo, tennis, yachting at Kiel and motor boating.

Sports are popular in all parts of this country, and to give in detail the results of even the leading contests is absolutely impossible, but there are some events that stand out a little more prominently than others, and a brief mention is made of some of these features.

Lawn Tennis.

Lawn tennis was popular everywhere. There were many tournaments in all parts of the country and the promoters of these tournaments were in trouble because of the large entry list in each event. William Larned won the national championship for the seventh time and five of these winners have been in succession. Maurice E. McLaughlin of San Francisco defeated Beals Wright in the final by 6-4, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, and in the challenge round Larned defeated McLaughlin 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.

H. H. Hackett and F. B. Alexander, who had won the doubles for four years, were defeated by Gustave Touchard and Raymond D. Little in the challenge round 7-5, 13-15, 6-2, 6-4.

The selection of a team to compete for the Davis international cup gave the game quite a boom. The British players C. P. Dixon, A. H. Lowe and A. E. Beauchamp visited this country and met an American team on the courts of the West Side Tennis Club. The Americans were Larned, McLaughlin, Bundy and Raymond D. Little. The American team won, and Larned, McLaughlin and Beals C. Wright were selected as the American team to go to Christchurch, New Zealand, to try to bring the trophy home again. The first of these matches will be played to-day.

M. E. McLaughlin won the New York State championship singles, defeating R. T. Poll and R. D. Little and G. F. Touchard defeated T. C. Bundy and M. E. McLaughlin at doubles. These were played on the Crescent Athletic Club courts. F. C. Inman won the Metropolitan championship singles and Touchard and Carl Behr won the doubles. Touchard won the Long Island championship and C. M. Bull Jr., and H. C. Martin won the doubles. Alfred D. Hammert won the Westchester county championship singles and R. C. Black and H. C. Roper won the doubles. The New Jersey State championship winners were, singles, C. F. K. Andrews; doubles, Otto H. Hinck and Henry Torrence.

Miss Hazel Herkiss, Miss Florence Sutton and Miss May Sutton were the leaders in the women's tournaments. Miss Florence Sutton defeated Miss Eleonora Sears in the final of the national championships at Philadelphia, but in the challenge round Miss Sutton was in turn defeated by Miss Hazel Herkiss of Berkeley, Calif. At doubles Miss Herkiss and Miss Sutton defeated Miss Florence Sutton and Miss Hazel Herkiss.

Golf.

The visit of H. H. Hilton to this country in quest of golf honors was the chief attraction in that sport this year, and Mr. Hilton annexed among other trophies the amateur championship emblem, defeating F. Herreshoff Iup in 37 holes at Rye. This tournament was played in September.

Miss Margaret Curtis defeated Miss Lillian B. Hyde up 13 to 3 in the final round for the women's championship at the Baltusrol links in October.

The United States open championship was won by J. M. McDermott after a triple tie with M. J. Brady and George O. Simpson. In the contest for the United States professional championship Gilbert Nichols defeated J. J. McDermott 4 up in their first match at Atlantic City and the second match was a tie.

George Stanley of Vale won the collegiate championship, defeating in the final Henry Heyburn of Pennsylvania, 5 up and 4 to play. In the team championship Yale defeated Harvard by 6 matches to 6. In dual meetings Princeton defeated Williams, Yale defeated Princeton, Williams defeated Columbia and Harvard and Williams tied.

The metropolitan amateur championship was won by J. D. Travers and the metropolitan women's championship by Miss Allian B. Hyde.

Motor Boating.

The most important event in the motor boat world was the contest for the British International Trophy for which the British challenged and sent here the Pioneer, Maple Leaf II, and Terrible III. The Motor Boat Club of America after most exhaustive trials selected the Dixie V., Disturbance and Viva to defend the trophy and the races were held off Huntington. There were two races each over a course of 30 nautical miles in length. The Dixie IV, won the first race, defeating the Pioneer of the British team by 59 seconds. The Dixie's time was at 35 minutes, 5 seconds and her average speed 35.12 nautical or 40.1 statute miles an hour. The Dixie won the second race in 32 minutes, 47 seconds.

The Dixie was tried over a measured course at Huntington and in six trials, three up and three down, averaged 35.22 statute miles an hour.

Several races for cruising and for speed boats were held during the year. Casing, owned by James Craig, won the Marblehead race. The reciprocity race from New York to Halifax was won by the Caroline, owned by M. F. Dennis and the crew, owned by Samuel Cushing, was second. The races, a series for the Gold Challenge Cup, were won by the M. H. for best time for 25 miles was 32 minutes, 7 seconds.

A tiny hydroplane named the Bug, owned by A. F. Smith, not only won all he could in the small speed boat class, including the race to Poughkeepsie and return but in a race from Huntington to Baltimore, Latonia and Louisville, Ky., and Jacksonville.

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Yacht racing has grown wonderfully of late and the most important events of the more important cups, one international race was sailed at Kiel between German and American sailors and the Emperor's cup was won by the Bieler, owned by Harry Payne Whitney and R. W. Emmons. The fastest international race ever for the Fisher cup, which was sailed on Lake Ontario or Toronto and the Canadian yacht Patriarch defeated the Seneca, the representative of the Rochester Yacht Club.

Alexander S. Cochrane brought back his team from Europe, won all the best yacht races of Europe and the Westward sailed during the New York Yacht Club cruise against the Elena, a new yacht owned by Morton F. Plant. In eight races the two yachts were so close together that only minor differences in elapsed time and has not yet been settled which is the better boat. The Westward won the Astor cup for schooners and the Avenger won the cup for sloops. In the race for the King's cup the Enchanted, a new schooner, owned by William E. Shipley, was successful though much shifted in the wind. In this race the Westward again finished ahead of the Elena.

The Elena won the long distance race of the Eastern Yacht Club from New London to Marblehead and secured nearly all the prizes in her class that clubs.

The Manhasset Challenge cup race series was won by the Jovant. After a long discussion the committee discontinued the King's and Corinthian first and second place in the series, for a technical violation of the rules of measurement and the trophy went to the Carlo Ma of the American Yacht Club.

The Brenton's Beef Challenge cup was won by the new schooner Karina from the Atlantic and the race for the Cape May trophy was won by the Bieler of the Atlantic.

The New York Yacht Club's Eastern boats of the same class in an intercity match, and Windward secured the first prize.

On the lower bay the Cynic, owned by Dr. C. L. Atkinson, won the series of races for the Lipton cup for S-boats, and the Windward won the Childs trophy.

Fencing.

The usual competitions for fencing championships were held during the season. G. H. Freed, Fencers Club, won with foil and dueling swords. A. G. Anderson, New York A. C. won with sabre. The New York C. G. team, A. G. Anderson, V. P. Curti and C. Bell, won the team sabre championship. The senior fencers' team championship was won by V. P. Curti, W. L. Bowman and De J. Corrigan. The intercollegiate team championship with 35 points, West Point, 30 points, was second. D. G. Rose of Cornell won the individual championship after a tie with M. W. Luttermann, Amherst.

Association Football.

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